



Short Safety Subject

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Home Safety Checklist - Fires, Burns, Electronics

INSTRUCTIONS: Use these checklists to conduct a hazard inspection in your home. Subject areas are: Falls; Fires, Burns and Electrocutions; Poisonings; Suffocations; Other Hazards; and Hazards You Have Identified. Check each item YES, NO or N/A (not applicable).

Fires, Burns, Electrocutions

YES N/A NO

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Are all electric receptacles of the three-prong grounded type? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Are all bathroom, kitchen, and outdoor circuits protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Do you know how to shut off the electrical, water and gas sources to your home? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Are all fuses of correct amperage? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Are fuses or circuit breakers labeled to identify outlets and appliances they protect? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Does your home have adequate electrical power in all areas to safely operate all your electrical appliances? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Do all light switches work correctly? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Do all wall switches and outlets have safe cover plates? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Are all appliance and extension cords in good condition? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Is the ground prong still on all electric plugs which came equipped with one? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Are all electrical appliances Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved? Check both the appliance and the cord? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Are small electrical appliances such as hair dryers, shavers, electric knives, coffee pots, etc. unplugged when not in use? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. Do you purchase "flame retardant" sleepwear for your children? |

YES N/A NO

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| — | — | — | 14. If smoking is permitted in your home, do you provide deep, wide-rimmed ashtrays and prohibit smoking in bed or while lying down? |
| — | — | — | 15. Is the furnace cleaned and serviced yearly? |
| — | — | — | 16. Are areas around the furnace clear of boxes and other combustible materials? |
| — | — | — | 17. Are the chimney and smoke pipe cleaned yearly? |
| — | — | — | 18. Does the fireplace function properly and is it adequately screened? |
| — | — | — | 19. Is the space around the hot water heater clear of combustible materials? |
| — | — | — | 20. Does the hot water heater have a pressure and temperature relief valve? |
| — | — | — | 21. Is the hot water temperature 120 degrees or less to prevent burns? (It may need to be set at 140 degrees for the dishwasher to wash dishes properly.) |
| — | — | — | 22. Are portable heaters in good condition, is adequate ventilation provided, and is it positioned in a safe location away from flammable materials? |
| — | — | — | 23. Are portable electric fans and heaters adequately screened to prevent contact with the fan blades or heating elements? |
| — | — | — | 24. Do you keep matches where young children cannot reach them? |
| — | — | — | 25. Are small children supervised when in the kitchen while you are cooking, baking, and handling hot objects? |
| — | — | — | 26. Are charcoal grills used only outdoors, never in the house, garage or enclosed porch? |
| — | — | — | 27. Has your family developed and practiced a fire escape plan for your home? |
| — | — | — | 28. Are the smoke and/or fire detectors installed in the house, at least one per floor? |
| — | — | — | 29. Are the smoke and/or fire detectors tested monthly? |
| — | — | — | 30. Do you have a charged ABC fire extinguisher of at least the 2-1/2-pound size conveniently located in your home? |

Count up the "No" check marks. Each of these could result in an accident.
The more "No" checks, the greater the risk.

DON'T BE SATISFIED UNTIL YOU HAVE A "NO" HOME!!